

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
June 30, 2011

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 29, 2011

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

000-19065  
(Commission File Number)

52-1532952  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

17801 Georgia Avenue, Olney, Maryland 20832  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (301) 774-6400

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Mr. Robert E. Henel, Jr. was elected a director of Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") at the regular meeting of the board of directors on June 29, 2011. Mr. Henel was appointed to the Credit and Investment Risk Committee and the Audit Committee.

Mr. Henel, age 63, is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of Annapolis Banking & Trust Company and a former Regional President for PNC Bank.

The Company issued a news release announcing the appointment of Mr. Henel on June 30, 2011. A copy of the news release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibits

Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated June 30, 2011

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: June 30, 2011

By: /s/ Ronald E. Kuykendall  
Ronald E. Kuykendall  
General Counsel and Secretary